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CLAIMS

1. An animal registration management system which  
enables individual identification of an animal by an  
identifier printed or recorded in some form or another  
with an animal registration number belonging to a  
predetermined management organization, wherein

when an animal breeder registers an animal  
at a management organization, it first obtains an  
identifier, then reports an animal registration number  
included in the identifier to the management organization  
together with individual information unique to the animal  
which the breeder desires to register, then the  
management organization registers the reported animal  
registration number and the individual information in its  
database and issues an animal registration certificate  
linking the animal registration number and the individual  
information.

2. An animal registration management system which  
enables individual identification of an animal as set  
forth in claim 1, characterized in that said reporting  
means is an animal registration application form attached  
to said identifier, said animal registration application  
form is provided with a section for providing individual  
information of the animal to be registered, and said  
management organization stores the attached materials  
including the individual information of the animal which  
has been sent to it.

3. An animal registration management system which  
enables the individual identification of an animal as set  
forth in claim 2, characterized in that said individual  
information is hair of the animal.

4. An animal registration management system which  
enables the individual identification of an animal as set  
forth in claim 2, characterized in that said individual  
information is a scraping of mucous membrane taken from  
the animal.

5. An animal registration management system which

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enables the individual identification of animal as set forth in claim 2, characterized in that said individual information is blood, a body fluid, or other biological specimen.

5       6. An animal registration management system which enables the individual identification of an animal as set forth in claim 1, characterized in that said reporting means is the animal registration number included in said identifier and image data of individual information  
10      unique to the animal, the animal breeder reports to the management organization by data communication or by sending a medium containing said data, and said control organization registers that data of said reported animal registration number and individual information in its  
15      database.

20      7. An animal registration management system which enables the individual identification of an animal as set forth in claim 6, characterized in that the image data of said individual information is an image of the pattern of spots of the body of the animal.

25      8. An animal registration management system which enables the individual identification of an animal as set forth in claim 6, characterized in that the image data of said individual information is a nose print of the animal.

30      9. An animal registration management system which enables the individual identification of an animal as set forth in claim 6, characterized in that the image data of said individual information is an image of whorls of hair of the face part and torso of the animal.

35      10. An animal registration management system which enables the individual identification of an animal characterized in that the image data of said individual information is an image of an iris of an eye of the animal.

11. An animal registration management system which enables the individual identification of an animal

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characterized in that a person which desires to register the animal at said management organization can select from at least one reporting means from claims 2 to 10 without regard as to the type of the animal.

- 5        12. An animal registration management system which enables the individual identification of an animal as set forth in claim 2 or claim 6, characterized in that the reporting means requests identification of the person sampling the individual information unique to said animal or the recorder.
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